

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph should be withdrawn for the following reasons, in addition to the reasons previously submitted in the above-discussed December 21, 2005 Amendment. In particular, independent claim 1 has been amended in the December 21, 2005 Amendment so as to delete the term "only" from the "wherein the descramble system applying step" clause. More particularly, this phrase now describes "wherein the descramble system applying step applies one type of the descramble system to a scramble system of the information signal with the second copy control information and applies the other types of the descramble systems to scramble systems of the information signal with the first copy control information."

Applicants respectfully submit that this "wherein" clause in newly-amended independent claim 1 is fully supported by the specification and the drawings of the instant application. The recited term "one type of the descramble system" corresponds, for example, to the case of descrambling a signal scrambled with "scramble type B" which is in path A1 to B1. See, for example, Fig. 2, and S17 to S19 of Fig. 7 of the instant application. Also, the recited term "the other types of the descramble systems" corresponds, for example, to the case of descrambling a signal scrambled with "scramble type A" which is in path C1. See, for example, Fig. 2, and S16 to S18 of Fig. 7 of the instant application. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0573.

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